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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Page 3, paragraph 8 (bridging pages 3 and 4) has been amended to read:

A reference member R is provided with a support surface S for supporting a movable member M and a central pillar 21 projected from the support surface S toward a leading end. A positioning hole 12 defined by a tapered hole is opened in a surface T to be supported of the movable member M. An intermediate member 22 is arranged between the central pillar 21 and the positioning hole 12. The intermediate member 22 is composed of a collet-type shuttle member 23 having on an outer periphery a tapered surface 28, which narrows toward the leading end, and a tapered cylinder 26, which is attached to the outer periphery of the shuttle member 23 and makes a tapering engagement with the positioning hole 12. The collet-type shuttle member 23 is supported on the central pillar 21 axially movably, and an inner peripheral surface of the tapered cylinder 26 makes a tapering engagement with the tapered surface 28 on the outer periphery of the shuttle member 23. An advancing means 24 is provided so as to push the shuttle member 23 in such a direction as to tighten the tapering engagement.

Page 4, paragraph 3 has been amended to read:

A reference member R is provided with a support surface S for supporting a movable member M and a central pillar 21 projected from the support surface S toward a leading end. A positioning hole 12 defined by a straight hole is opened in the surface T to be supported of the movable member M. An intermediate member 22 is arranged between the central pillar 21 and the positioning hole 12. The intermediate member 22 is composed of a collet-type shuttle member 23 having on the inner periphery a tapered surface 28, which narrows toward the leading end, and a tapered cylinder 26, which is attached to the inner periphery of the shuttle member 23 and makes a tapering engagement with the central pillar 21. The collet-type shuttle member 23 is supported on the positioning hole 12 axially movably, and an outer peripheral surface of the tapered

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cylinder 26 makes a tapering engagement with the tapered surface 28 on the inner

periphery of the shuttle member 23. An advancing means 24 is provided so as to push the

shuttle member 23 in such a direction as to tighten the tapering engagement.

Page 6, paragraph 2 has been amended to read:

An annular central pillar 21 is projected upward at the center part of the cover

block 16, and the central pillar 21 is adapted to be inserted into the socket hole 11. At the

outer periphery side of the central pillar 21 is projected upward an annular projecting part

of the cover block 16, and a support surface S is defined by an upper surface of the annular

projecting part.

Page 10, paragraph 2 has been amended to read:

Fig. 5 is a view similar to Fig. 1, showing a third embodiment according to the

present invention. Also In in the third embodiment, the same components as those of the

first embodiment will be designated by the same numerals as a general rule, and an

explanation will be provided on only components different from those of the first

embodiment.

Page 11, paragraph 3 has been amended to read:

Further, the advancing means 24 may take advantage of pressure force of a fluid

power cylinder such as hydraulic pressure or air pressure. According to of the fluid power

cylinder-based advancing means, when releasing, the shuttle member 23 advances toward

the leading end by means of a fluid power piston for advancing, and when clamping, the

shuttle member 23 retreats against pressure force of the fluid power piston.

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